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KINGDOM MINDSET:
THINKING LIKE Heaven
WHILE LIVING ON Earth
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Matthew 6:33 — “Seek ye first the kingdom of God...”

Kingdom Mindset

Kingdom Mindset: Thinking Like Heaven While Living on Earth

Inspired by the Biblical Kingdom Teachings of Dr. Myles Munroe

Syllabus

Week	Lesson	Scriptures
1	Rediscovering the Kingdom	Matthew 6:33,Matthew 4:17, Luke 4:43, Genesis 1:26–28, Psalm 8:4–6, Colossians 1:13, Luke 19:10, John 18:36
2	Kingdom Identity	Phil 3:20, Rom 8:14-17
3	Renewing the Mind	Romans 12:2
4	Kingdom Priorities	
5	Kingdom Character & Culture	
6	Kingdom Purpose & Assignment	
7	Kingdom Power & Influence	

Study Resources

- The Holy Bible
- Books (Myles Munroe)
  - Rediscovering the Kingdom (Expanded Edition)
  - Understanding Your Place in God's Kingdom
  - Understanding The Kingdom, Preparing for Kingdom Experience and Expansion
  - Understanding Your Potential (Discovering the Hidden You)
- Youtube Resources

The Holy Spirit's Purpose, Power, And Person: Insights By Dr. Myles Munroe | MunroeGlobal.com

How Are Christ Believers Viewed in the Kingdom of God?

- According to the Kingdom teachings of Myles Munroe, believers are more than merely subjects of a king. He emphasized that through Christ, believers become **citizens of God's Kingdom and members of God's royal family**.

Munroe often distinguished between earthly kingdoms and God's Kingdom:

- In many earthly kingdoms, subjects serve the king but have little access to him.
- In God's Kingdom, believers are not only citizens under the King's authority but are also adopted into His family through Christ.

He would point to passages such as:

- The Epistle to the Ephesians — "You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."
- The Epistle to the Romans — Believers receive the Spirit of adoption and become heirs of God.
- The First Epistle of Peter — Believers are called a "royal priesthood."
- The Gospel of John — Those who receive Christ are given the right to become children of God.

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From Munroe's perspective:

1. Citizens

- Citizenship speaks of **legal standing** in the Kingdom.
- We belong to God's Kingdom.
- We have rights, privileges, and responsibilities.
- Our allegiance is to the King and His government.

2. Children of the King

- Family speaks of **relationship**.
- God is not merely our ruler; He is our Father.
- We have direct access to Him.
- We are heirs of the Kingdom.

3. Royal Family

- Munroe frequently taught that believers are part of a royal family because they are children of the King of Kings.
- We are not spiritual beggars trying to earn God's favor.
- We are heirs who represent the Kingdom on earth.
- Our purpose is to reflect the nature, culture, and values of the Kingdom.

How Are Christ Believers Viewed in the Kingdom of God?

One of Myles' recurring themes was:

- Religion teaches people how to reach God. The Kingdom message teaches people who they are in relation to the King.
- So, in Myles Munroe's Kingdom framework, Christians are **citizens of heaven, children of the King, heirs of the Kingdom, and members of God's royal family—not merely subjects living under a ruler.**
- This is why he often described believers as **ambassadors** representing heaven on earth, drawing from The Second Epistle to the Corinthians. An ambassador is not just a subject; an ambassador is an authorized representative of the King and His Kingdom

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Romans 12:2
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you. (Living Bible)

Place Your Life Before God
12 **1-2** So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (The Message Bible)

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Romans 12 Background

A. Who wrote Romans?
The book of Romans was written by the Apostle **Paul** to the believers in Rome. It was written to explain the gospel, salvation by faith, and how believers should live as people transformed by Christ.

B. What is happening in the book before chapter 12?
Romans can be viewed in two big sections:

Romans 1–11: Doctrine / What God has done
Paul explains:

- humanity's sin problem
- justification by faith
- grace
- life in the Spirit
- God's mercy and plan for Jews and Gentiles

By the time you get to Romans 12, Paul has spent 11 chapters explaining **what God has done for believers**.

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Romans 12 Background

Romans 12–16: Duty / How believers should live
Now Paul shifts from doctrine to lifestyle.

Romans 12 begins with:
Romans 12:1 — offer your bodies as a living sacrifice
Romans 12:2 — let your mind be renewed so your life is transformed
So, Romans 12:2 is part of Paul's appeal that believers must not only be **saved**, but must also be **changed in how they think and live**.

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Historical and cultural background

The Christians in Rome lived in a culture shaped by:

- pagan worship
- Roman power and status
- immorality and idolatry
- pressure to conform to the values of the empire

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What city today would be similar to what Rome was?

Rome was like a combination of:

1. Washington, D.C. — political power
- empire/government headquarters
- authority, law, power, leadership
- pressure to align with the system

2. New York City — influence, wealth, diversity, global importance
- people from many backgrounds
- trade, commerce, money
- ideas and trends spreading outward
- a city that feels bigger than itself because it affects so much

3. Los Angeles or Las Vegas — spectacle, entertainment, indulgence, image
Rome also had:
- public entertainment
- social excess
- status culture
- a love of display, pleasure, and image

So, Rome was not only powerful; it was also **flashy, proud, morally complex, and deeply shaped by pagan culture**.

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Historical and cultural background

Paul is telling them:
Do not let the culture around you shape your identity, values, or behavior.
Instead, let God transform you from the inside out.

That makes Romans 12:2 very relevant to Kingdom teaching, because the Kingdom of God calls believers to live by **heaven's culture**, not the culture of the world system

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3) Key words in Romans 12:2

“Be not conformed to this world”
This means:

- don’t let the present age squeeze you into its pattern
- don’t adopt the world’s values, priorities, and thinking
- don’t let society define your identity

In Kingdom language:
Do not let the world system disciple your mind.

“Be transformed”
The word implies a deep inward change—not just behavior modification.
It’s the idea of **metamorphosis**: a complete change from the inside out.

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“By the renewing of your mind”

This is the key. Transformation happens when the mind is renewed by God’s truth.
For Kingdom teaching, this is huge because Myles Munroe often taught that:
salvation changes your spirit
but **Kingdom discipleship changes your mind**
you can be saved and still think like the world unless your mind is retrained by the Word of God

“That ye may prove… the will of God”
As your mind is renewed, you become able to discern:

- what God wants
- what pleases Him
- how to live according to His purpose

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4) Romans 12:2 through a Myles Munroe / Kingdom mindset lens
If we frame Romans 12:2 through Munroe's teaching, the verse is about **changing from a worldly mindset to a Kingdom mindset**.

Main Kingdom idea:
You cannot live the life of the Kingdom with the mindset of the world.
Myles Munroe frequently taught that the greatest challenge for believers is not only sin, but **wrong thinking**. He emphasized that many Christians are saved, but still think:

- like slaves instead of sons
- like earthly people instead of Kingdom citizens
- like victims instead of representatives of the King
- like religion is about rituals instead of dominion, purpose, and citizenship

So Romans 12:2 becomes a Kingdom call to:
1. Reject the world's system
The "world" is not just people or the planet—it is the system of thinking that opposes God:

- self-rule instead of God's rule
- fear instead of faith
- status and image over purpose
- survival instead of dominion
- religion without relationship

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2. Receive a new Kingdom mindset
Renewing the mind means learning:
- who the King is
- who you are in the Kingdom
- your rights as a citizen
- your responsibility as an ambassador
- God's purpose for your life

3. Think like a citizen of heaven
A Kingdom citizen asks:
- What does the King say?
- What are the values of my country?
- How should I represent heaven on earth?

4. Let truth reprogram your thinking
Munroe often stressed that the Word of God is the constitution of the Kingdom.
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“By the Renewing of Your Mind”

The battlefield is the mind

- A renewed mind learns God’s truth
- A renewed mind sees life from heaven’s perspective
- A renewed mind rejects lies and embraces purpose
- A renewed mind is necessary for Kingdom living

Myles Munroe connection:
Salvation changes your spiritual position
Renewing the mind changes your daily perspective and behavior

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Worldly Mindset vs Kingdom Mindset
Which system is shaping you?

Worldly Mindset	Kingdom Mindset
“I belong to myself”	“I belong to the King”
“Do what feels right”	“Obey what God says”
“Success is status and possessions”	“Success is purpose and obedience”
“Protect yourself first”	“Seek first the Kingdom”
“My identity comes from people”	“My identity comes from God”

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What a renewed Kingdom mind knows

A renewed mind understands…

- God is King
- I am a citizen of heaven
- I am part of God's household
- I represent the Kingdom on earth
- My life is about purpose, not just survival
- The Word is my guide for living

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The Result of Renewal

Why mind renewal matters

- You discern the will of God
- You make wiser decisions
- You respond differently under pressure
- You stop living by the culture around you
- You become a visible witness of the Kingdom

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Practical Ways to Renew the Mind

How do we renew our minds?

- Read and meditate on Scripture daily
- Replace lies with truth
- Guard what shapes your thinking
- Pray for discernment and wisdom
- Stay in fellowship with Kingdom-minded believers
- Practice obedience to what God reveals

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Reflection Questions

Examine your mindset

Questions:

1. Where have I been conforming to the world's way of thinking?
2. What thought patterns need to be renewed by God's Word?
3. Am I living more like a cultural Christian or a Kingdom citizen?
4. What does God want to transform in me right now?

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Closing Challenge

Don’t just be saved—be transformed

Closing thought:
Romans 12:2 is a call to let the Kingdom of God reshape your mind so thoroughly that your life begins to reflect heaven’s values on earth.

Key line:
A renewed mind is the doorway to Kingdom living.

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Closing Challenge

Romans 12:2 is Paul's call for believers to stop allowing the world system to shape their thinking and instead let God transform them by renewing their minds. From a Kingdom perspective, this means we must stop thinking like the culture around us and start thinking like citizens of heaven. Dr. Myles Munroe taught that many believers are saved **but still think like the world.** A renewed mind learns the values, principles, and purpose of the Kingdom so that we can represent the King well on earth.

"When the mind is renewed by the Word of God, the believer begins to think like a citizen of heaven rather than a product of the world system."

Final Prayer

“Father, open our eyes to understand Your Kingdom and live under Your rule. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 — “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ...”